



## Sonema confirms its long-term commitment to the protection of customer data by obtaining PCI DSS compliance for its datacentre

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On the 14<sup>th</sup> June 2019, the **PCI Security Standards Council** confirmed that Expertmedia, Sonema's technical subsidiary company, has obtained PCI DSS V3.2.1 compliance as a "Level 1 Service Provider".

PCI-DSS compliance allows Sonema to guarantee a maximum level of data security to its customers and to establish itself as a trusted third-party for various banking and electronic banking services. From now on, Sonema will also be able to host electronic banking applications and platforms which require PCI PSS compliance.

The Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard was established by the major suppliers of credit and payment cards including Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover Card and JCB. The standards were created in order to increase checks on cardholder data with the aim of reducing the fraudulent use of payment instruments.

PCI DSS compliance is subject to a detailed audit carried out by **GALITT**, an independent external organism which is QSA-accredited (Qualified Security Assessor) and who measure compliance for all elements of the data treatment chain.

Sonema's Managing Director Catherine Delom stated : « *Security is a key issue for our customers, particularly in the banking sector. The bancarisation rate on the African continent is increasing rapidly, electronic banking services are increasingly popular thanks to mobile platforms, internet usage is more and more extensive and sophisticated menaces and cyber-attacks are multiplying. Within this context, Sonema has made security a major priority. PCI DSS compliance enables us to embark upon a new phase in our global strategy, in order to recognise that our infrastructures and platforms are compliant with the very highest international levels and requirements.* »

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### ABOUT SONEMA

*Sonema has been supporting its customers for more than 20 years in their projects on the African continent. With a committed mindset based on a strong understanding of the issues, Sonema wants to be a proactive partner by allowing them to focus on their core business and business innovations.*

*Through its one-stop-shop approach and network of local partners, Sonema provides tailor-made and scalable solutions for highly resilient satellite, terrestrial and hybrid networks as well as security and hosting services.*

*Remaining faithful to its values of respect, transparency and responsibility, Sonema places trust at the heart of its customer relationships.*

**Sonema, also means:**

- 70 colleagues who are committed to our customers, every day
- 730 customer installations in 43 countries
- 48 certified partners all over the African continent

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## **ABOUT PCI-DSS**

*The Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard is required by the major suppliers of payment cards. It defines the rules and procedures which must be respected when handling, transporting and storing payment card data.*

More information: **Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCI DSS)**

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